

# House Study Bill 544 - Introduced

HOUSE FILE \_\_\_\_\_

BY (PROPOSED COMMITTEE ON  
VETERANS AFFAIRS BILL BY  
CHAIRPERSON STANERSON)

## A BILL FOR

1 An Act relating to motor vehicle registration fees for disabled  
2 veterans.

3 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. Section 321.105, subsection 5, Code 2016, is  
2 amended to read as follows:

3 5. a. Seriously disabled veterans who have been provided  
4 with an automobile or other vehicle by the United States  
5 government under the provisions of ~~§1901—1903, Tit. 38 of~~  
6 ~~the United States Code, 38 U.S.C. §1901 et seq. (1970)~~ §3901  
7 — §3904, shall be exempt from payment of the registration fee  
8 fees provided in this chapter for that vehicle, and shall be  
9 provided, without fee, with one set of regular registration  
10 plates or one set of any type of special registration plates  
11 associated with service in the United States armed forces for  
12 which the disabled veteran qualifies under section 321.34. The  
13 disabled veteran, to be able to claim the benefit, must be a  
14 resident of the state of Iowa. In lieu of the set of regular  
15 or special military registration plates available without fee,  
16 the disabled veteran may obtain a set of nonmilitary special  
17 registration plates or personalized plates issued under section  
18 321.34 by paying the additional fees associated with those  
19 plates.

20 b. A disabled veteran with a service-related disability  
21 rating of fifty percent or higher as determined by the United  
22 States department of veterans affairs shall be exempt from  
23 payment of the registration fees provided in this chapter for  
24 one vehicle, and shall be provided, without fee, with one  
25 set of regular registration plates or one set of any type of  
26 special registration plates associated with service in the  
27 United States armed forces for which the disabled veteran  
28 qualifies under section 321.34. The disabled veteran, to be  
29 able to claim the benefit, must be a resident of the state  
30 of Iowa. In lieu of the set of regular or special military  
31 registration plates available without fee, the disabled veteran  
32 may obtain a set of nonmilitary special registration plates or  
33 personalized plates issued under section 321.34 by paying the  
34 additional fees associated with those plates.

35 Sec. 2. Section 321L.2, subsection 1, paragraph a,

1 subparagraph (2), Code 2016, is amended to read as follows:

(2) Persons with disabilities parking sticker. An applicant who owns a motor vehicle for which the applicant has been issued registration plates under [section 321.34](#) or registration plates as a ~~seriously~~ disabled veteran under section 321.105 may apply to the department for a persons with disabilities parking sticker to be affixed to the plates. The persons with disabilities parking stickers shall bear the international symbol of accessibility.

10      Sec. 3. Section 321L.2, subsection 5, Code 2016, is amended  
11 to read as follows:

12 5. A seriously disabled veteran who has been provided with  
13 an automobile or other vehicle by the United States government  
14 under the provisions of 38 U.S.C. ~~§1901 et seq. (1970)~~ §3901 -  
15 §3904, or a disabled veteran with a service-related disability  
16 rating of fifty percent or higher as determined by the United  
17 States department of veterans affairs is not required to apply  
18 for a persons with disabilities parking permit under this  
19 section unless the veteran has been issued special registration  
20 plates or personalized plates for the vehicle. The regular  
21 registration plates issued for the disabled veteran's vehicle  
22 without fee pursuant to [section 321.105](#) entitle the disabled  
23 veteran to all of the rights and privileges associated with  
24 persons with disabilities parking permits under [this chapter](#).

| 25 | EXPLANATION |
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26 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with  
27 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

28 Current law exempts seriously disabled veterans who have  
29 been provided with an automobile or other vehicle by the United  
30 States government from paying motor vehicle registration fees  
31 or applying for a persons with disabilities parking permit.  
32 This bill broadens these exemptions to include disabled  
33 veterans with a service-related disability rating of 50 percent  
34 or higher as determined by the United States department of  
35 veterans affairs.

1     The bill provides such disabled veterans with one free set  
2 of regular registration plates or one free set of any type of  
3 special registration plates associated with service in the  
4 United States armed forces for which the disabled veteran  
5 qualifies under Code section 321.34. The bill requires the  
6 disabled veteran to be a resident of the state of Iowa. In lieu  
7 of the set of regular or special military registration plates  
8 available without fee, the disabled veteran may obtain a set of  
9 nonmilitary special registration plates or personalized plates  
10 by paying the additional fees associated with those plates.

11     The bill also updates the reference to title 38 of the  
12 United States Code relating to automobiles provided to disabled  
13 veterans by the federal government.